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US EPA RECORDS CENTER REGION 5



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**Re: Mahoningside Remediation Project
USEPA Brownfield Assessment Pilot
Extension Request**

Dear Ms. Thompson:

The City of Warren respectfully requests a fourth extension for our Brownfield Assessment Demonstration Pilot Grant. (Please see attached "Project Overview".)

The City of Warren has been struggling financially for several years to complete the Mahoningside project due to the extreme cost associated with the unexpected PCB issues. In January 2003, the City requested the assistance of U.S. EPA's Superfund Division, Emergency Response Branch to transport and dispose of PCB contaminated soil from the site (See attached correspondence.).

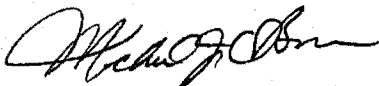
Fortunately, the USEPA has worked diligently with the City to keep this project moving, and the USEPA is again aiding the City. U.S. EPA's Emergency Response Branch is currently negotiating an Administrative Order on Consent (AOC) with the former owners of the Mahoningside Power Plant, First Energy Corporation. We anticipate that there will be a resolution with final dollars committed soon.

Please trust that it has been, and still is, the City's intention to aggressively pursue the completion of this pilot, and it is only the unanticipated occurrences that have delayed our Brownfield work. Therefore, an extension to April 30, 2006 is respectfully being requested.

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We appreciate your assistance and look forward to our successes with the Brownfield Assessment Demonstration Pilot. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael J. O'Brien", written in a cursive style.

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